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1. An import-export center has been formed in Czechoslovakia, which is subordinate to the Central Commission for Imports and Exports in Moscow. The carrying out of instructions from Moscow is supervised by the Cominform delegate in Czechoslovakia, Geminder, a German who has lived a long time in the USSR. He is assisted by Koehler, likewise a German, together with control personnel. The following nationalized concerns are subordinate to this center:

Metalimex	Raw materials and minerals, Prague
Koospol	Agricultural products
Centrokomise	Food products
Poldi	Steel production, Kladno
Parco	Paper manufacture
Celulose	Cellulose industry and manufacture
Metrans	Transport
Feromet	Heavy industry
Centrotex	Textile industry
Chemapol	Chemical industry
Cheramik	Pottery manufacture
Oleaspol	Oil refining industry

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2. The products of the above concerns go to the USSR

3. In all these firms there are Soviet control commissions and the administrative apparatus is also Soviet. The firms are, in fact, at the entire disposal of the USSR, and Czechoslovakia does not derive full benefit from these industrial plants, perhaps in the same way as she does not derive full benefit from the Skoda Works which does not assemble tanks and artillery weapons in its own assembly department, but has to send the parts to the USSR for assembling there.

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